

CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING



Presented at a
Phase 2 Redistricting Public Workshop

By the
City of Fort Worth,
Planning and Development Department

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Purpose

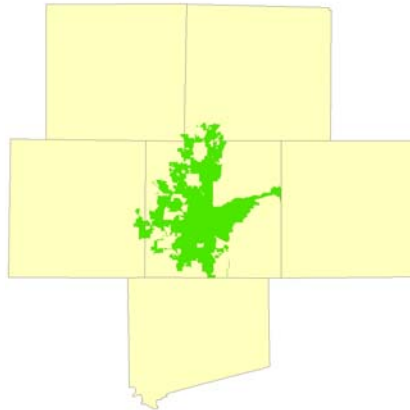
- Provide a **briefing** on City Council redistricting.
- Answer **questions** and receive **comments** on how the Council districts should be drawn.
- Provide **training** on redistricting software.



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Population Growth Rates 2000-2010

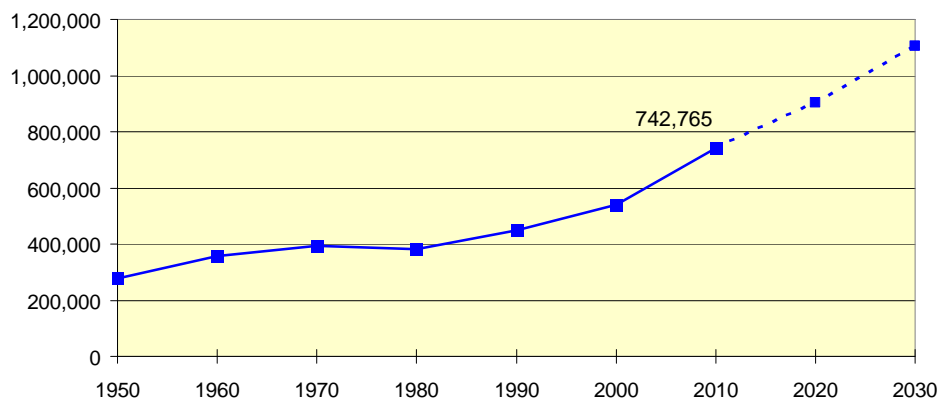
U.S. 9.7%
Texas 20.6%
Fort Worth 38.6%



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000-2010

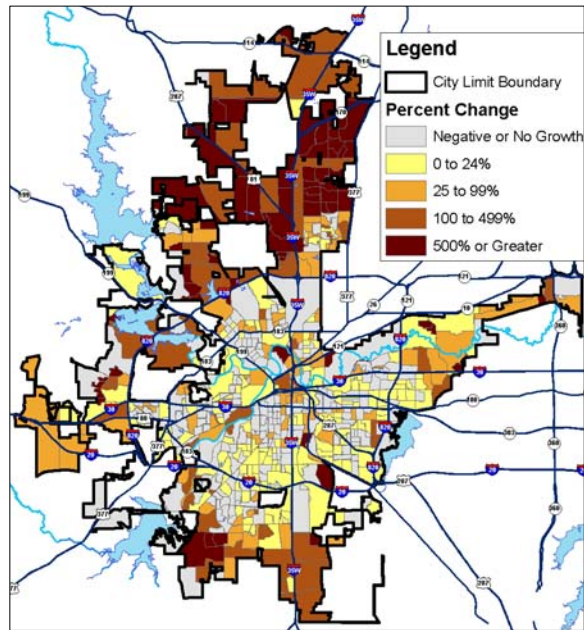
Population Growth in Fort Worth 1950-2030



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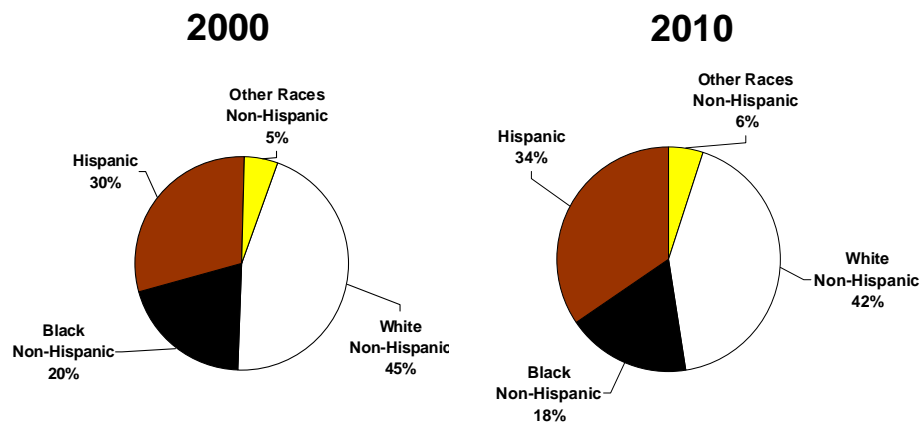
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 1950-2010; Planning and Development, 2011-2030.

Population Growth by Block Group, 2000-2010



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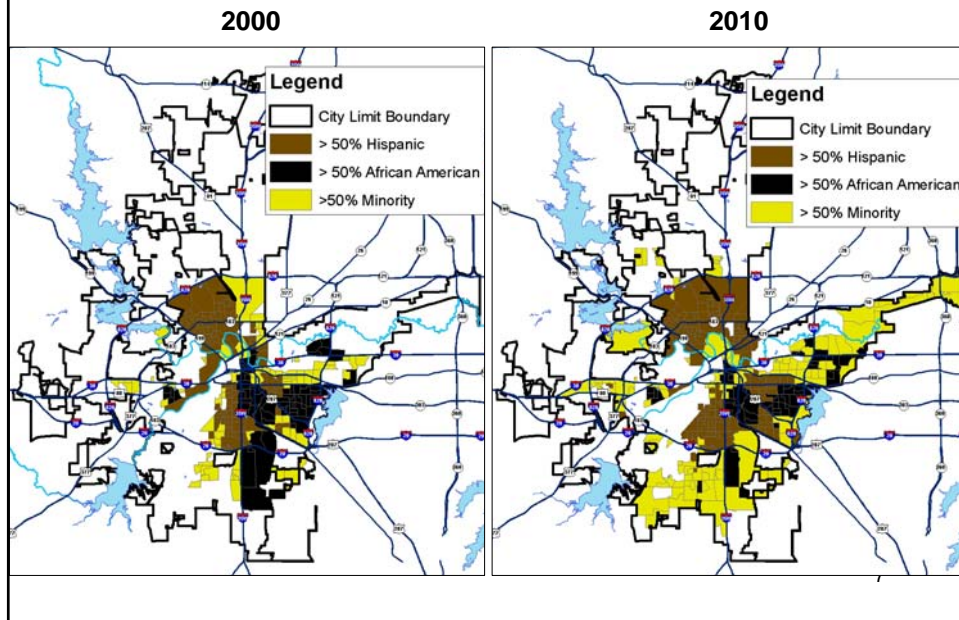
Race/Ethnicity



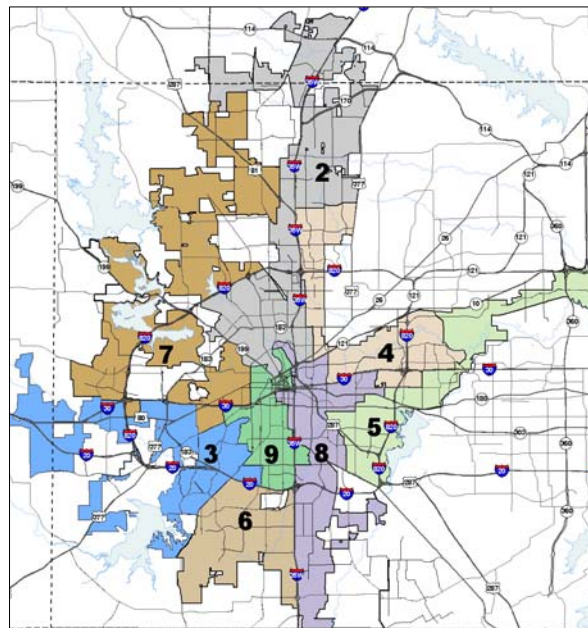
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Minority Population, 2000 and 2010



Current Council Districts



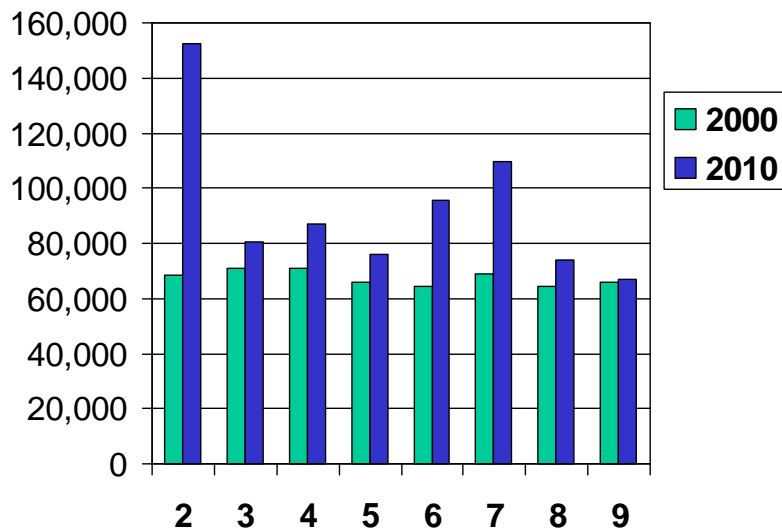
Population Change by Council District

Council District	2000 Census Population	2010 Census Population	Percent Change
2	68,233	152,478	123%
3	70,840	80,750	14%
4	71,065	86,988	22%
5	66,004	76,168	16%
6	64,594	95,696	48%
7	69,094	109,645	59%
8	64,484	74,121	15%
9	66,077	66,919	1%
	540,391	742,765	38.6%

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 - 2010

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Average District Population

2000 ~67,550

2010 ~92,850



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000-2010

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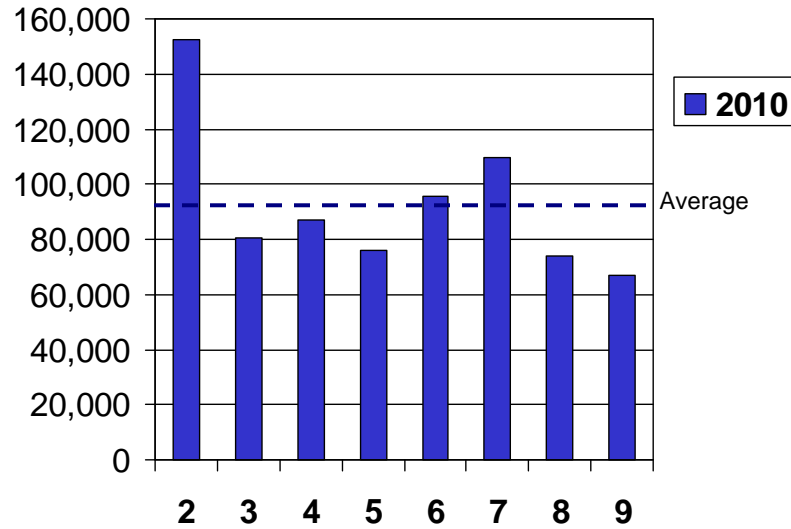
Deviation from Average District Population of 92,846

Council District	2010 Census Population	Percent Deviation
2	152,478	+64.2%
3	80,750	-13.0%
4	86,988	-6.3%
5	76,168	-17.9%
6	95,696	+3.1%
7	109,645	+18.1%
8	74,121	-20.2%
9	<u>66,919</u>	-27.9%
	742,765	

Note: U.S. Justice Dept. guidelines = +/- 5.0% deviation.

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2010 Population by Council District

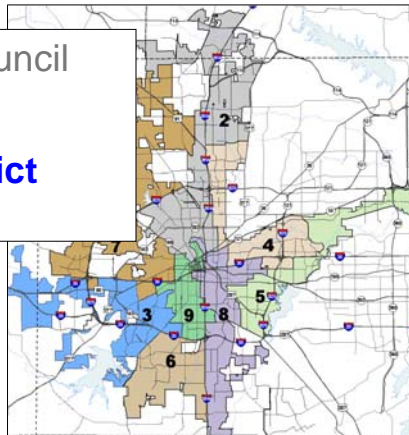


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What redistricting policy issues must the City Council address?

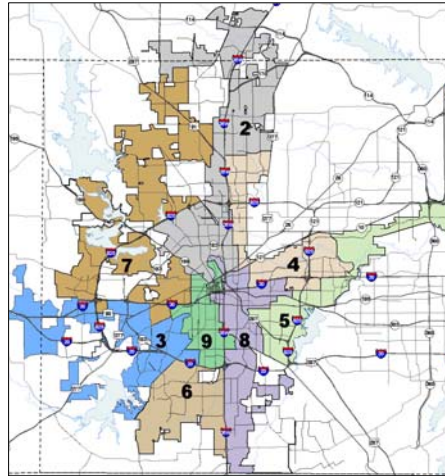
1. Phase 1: **Number** of council districts
2. Phase 2: **Council district boundaries**



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What criteria will the City Council use for drawing council district boundaries?

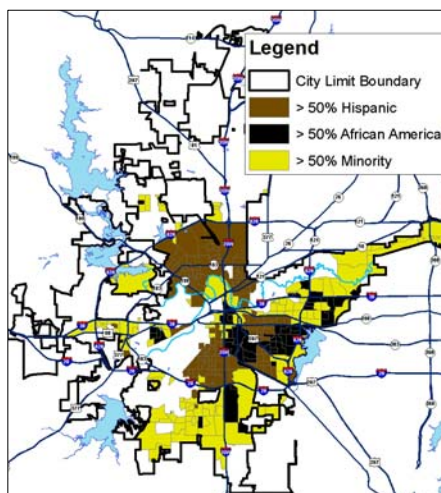
- **Equal in size** (+/- 5%)
- **Voting Rights Act:** protect minority voting rights
- **Compact** and **contiguous** areas
- Identifiable **geographic features**
- Neighborhoods and **communities of interest**
- Areas **inside and outside** Loop 820



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What criteria will the City Council use for drawing council district boundaries? (cont.)

- County **voting precincts**
- Census **block groups** and **blocks**
- **Incumbent** residence



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Voting Rights Act

Section 2

Avoid **diluting** or **concentrating** racial or language minorities in districts.



Section 5

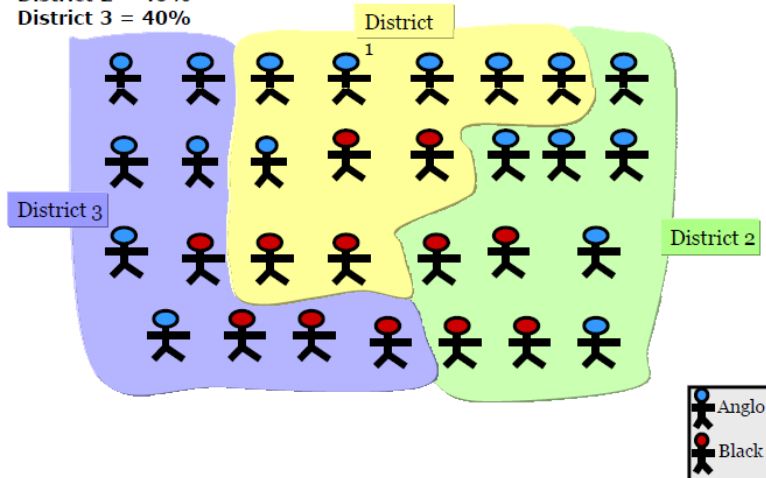
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Voting Rights Act: Section 2

Example of Diluting

District 1 = 40%
District 2 = 40%
District 3 = 40%



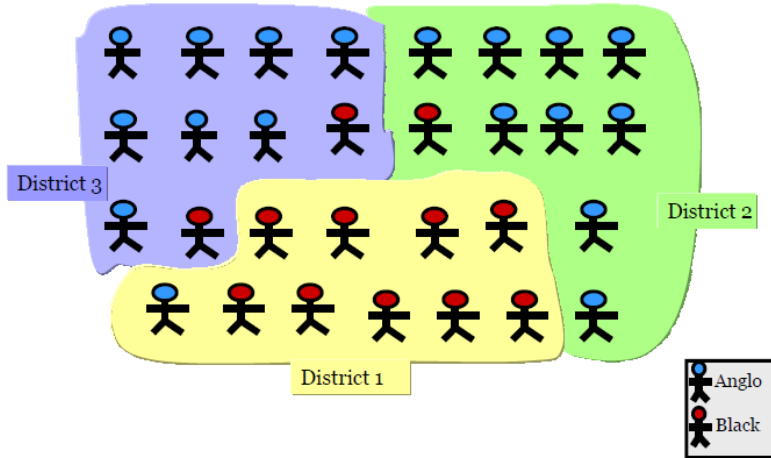
Voting Rights Act: Section 2 (cont.)

Example of Concentrating

District 1 = 90%

District 2 = 10%

District 3 = 20%



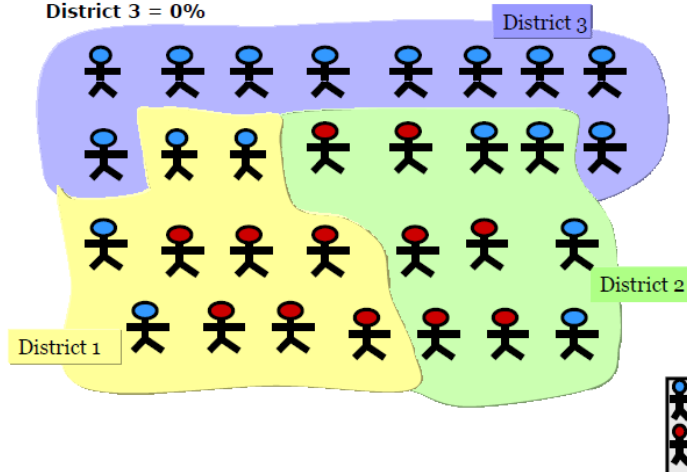
Voting Rights Act: Section 2 (cont.)

Preferred

District 1 = 60%

District 2 = 60%

District 3 = 0%



Voting Rights Act

Section 2

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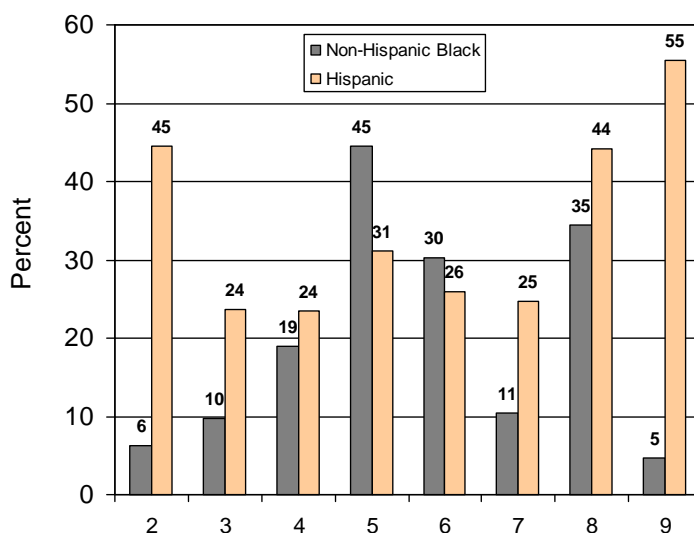
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Voting Rights Act: Section 5

Minority Race/Ethnicity by Council District, 2010



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Phase 2 Public Participation Process

February	City Council and staff host eight public workshops including software training .
March 30	Public input on Council district boundaries due to City Secretary's Office.
April	Staff prepares analysis of plans submitted and briefs City Council.
May-June	City Council and staff conduct public meetings and City Council conducts work sessions on plan options.
July	City Council conducts public hearing(s) , approves a plan and submits it to Department of Justice (DOJ).
August-Nov.	DOJ reviews plan.
May 2013	City holds election for new City Council districts.

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Public Workshops and Online Software Training

<u>Date</u> 6:30p	<u>Location</u>	<u>Districts</u>
February 6	Christ Chapel Bible Church	3, 7, 9
February 13	TCC Opportunity Center	5
February 15	Northwest Branch Library	7
February 16	Highland Hills Community Center	8
February 16	Diamond Hill Community Center	2
February 20	Travis Avenue Baptist Church	9
February 23	Heritage Church of Christ	2, 4
February 28	Southwest Regional Library	3, 6

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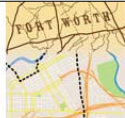
Computer Access and Software Technical Assistance

- Visit City **libraries** and **community centers** during open hours
- Visit the **Central Library** computer lab on
 - ✓ **February 11**, 10a – 2p
 - ✓ **February 18**, 10a – 2p



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Redistricting Web Site



Redistricting

Redistricting is the process of redrawing election district boundaries.

The "one person, one vote" standard arising from the Equal Protection Clause of the United States Constitution requires that election districts for state and local governmental officials (such as City Council members) have approximately equal populations. Therefore, when there is a new federal census indicating population change, political subdivisions must determine whether existing districts still satisfy the equal population requirement. If not, they must redistrict.

[Learn more about the history of redistricting »](#)

Public Participation

The City of Fort Worth separates the redistricting process into two phases to make it easier for residents to participate:

Phase 1: Determination of the number of City Council districts

The City Council will receive feedback from residents and address whether there is a need to change the number of council districts from

Sign up

Help shape Fort Worth path for the future by participating in the redistricting process.

Register Now

Questions?

Redistricting:
817-392-2800

Email:
redistricting@fortworthgov.org

Resources

City of Fort Worth Redistricting Guide

- [English](#)
- [Spanish](#)

www.fortworthtexas.gov/redistricting

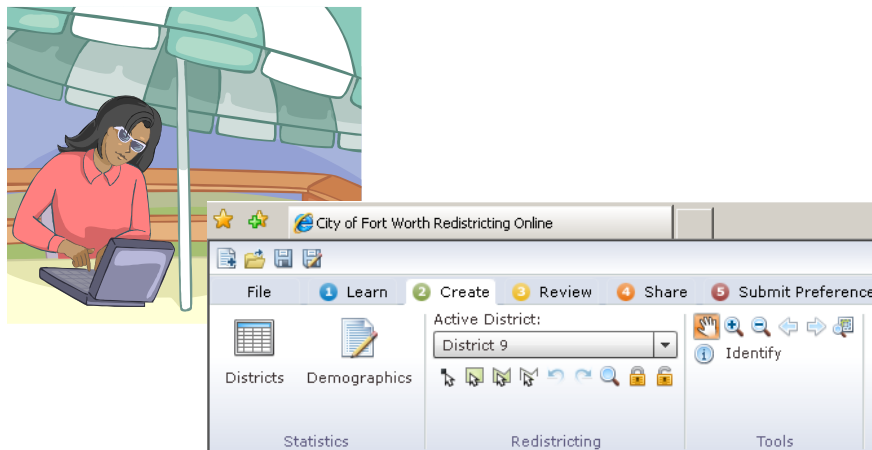
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- Questions?
- Comments?

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Redistricting Software Training



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